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(*b*) The present Personal Assistant to the Editor of Gazetteers is a permanent sarishtadar of the District Court, East Tanjore, and was on the list of persons selected for appointment as District Munsif. He was specially selected for the post of Personal Assistant by the late Mr. J. J. Cotton, I.C.S. There is no Statistician at present.

Irrigation

Further investigation of the Vamsadhara Project.

*314 *Q.*—Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Vamsadhara Project in the Ganjam district will be taken up for further investigation from the last enquiry; if so, when and by what agency;

(*b*) whether the Government propose to appoint a special officer for further investigation of this important project;

(*c*) whether the Government have considered the feasibility of the proposal made by the Executive Engineer, Ganjam division, to the Irrigation Committee to rectify and supplement irrigation under the Dusi and Urlam channels;

(*d*) whether the Government will call for a report on the proposals of the Executive Engineer referred to in (*c*) above;

(*e*) whether the Government are aware that the area alongside the river is subject to periodical droughts;

(*f*) whether the Government have considered the project as a protective work;

(*g*) whether the Government have ascertained that a regulating dam or anicut across the Langulya river will improve irrigation under Dusi and Urlam channels; and

(*h*) when the Government will have this matter investigated?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Government await the report of the committee constituted in G.O. No. 1244 I., dated 7th June 1927, of which the hon. Member is a Member.

(*c*) & (*d*) The Executive Engineer's report referred to has not been received, but the Collector as President of the Committee has submitted a preliminary report containing the gist of the Executive Engineer's suggestions, and has promised to submit a further report.

(*e*) The Government are not aware that the facts are as stated.

(*f*) The Vamsadhara Project was reported to be an unremunerative one, and in 1920 the Government ordered that the consideration of the project even as a protective work should be deferred.

(*g*) & (*h*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to question No. 123.